

CHAPTER 21 REALITY





Benkei told
me that I must
not turn into
Oniwakamaru.



Yuki is
my wife.

That's right,
I mustn't rely on
Oniwakamaru.

I have to
save her
with my own
hands.





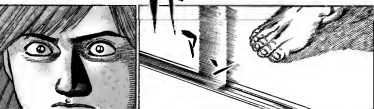
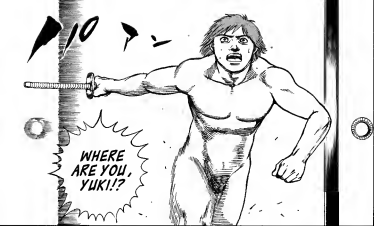
Where...
Where is
she?

Where
is Yuki...
Anku...



Save me,
Hito!





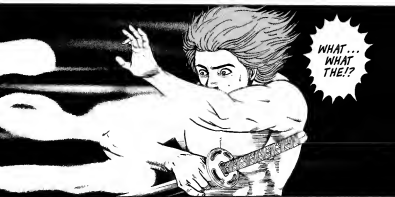


ユキ!



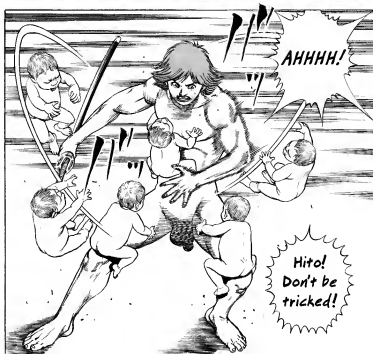
YUKI.

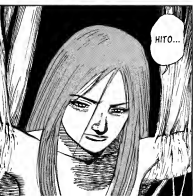


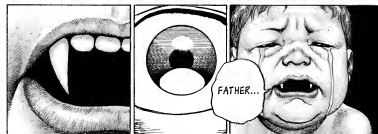


АHHHH!











You will transform into the demon.

You can't kill children.



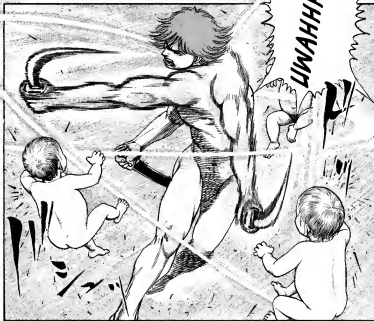
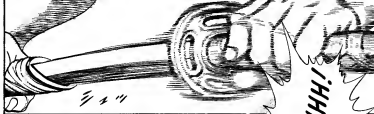
Let out the demon who possesses your spirit...
Oniwakamaru!



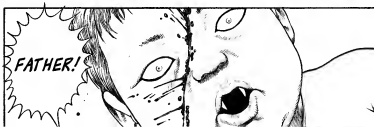
UGH...



WAHHHHH!



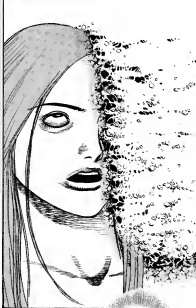
シワァァァァ!



FATHER!







**SHOW
YOURSELF,
ANKU!**

You
cut down
a woman
and children
as though
they were
a daikon
radish..



Are you
intoxicated
with the
pleasure of
slaughter?

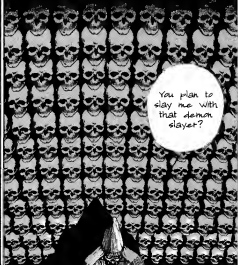
WHERE
IS SHE!?

GIVE ME
MY YUKI
BACK!



That
woman has
Oniwakamaru's
child inside of
her, and I
must consume
that soul.

That I
cannot
do.



You plan to
slay me with
that demon
slayer?



THAT
DEPENDS
ON YOU!





Why must you go so far to get Oniwakamaru's soul!?

Hohoh. Are you not the one who knows the power of Oniwakamaru's soul better than anyone?



You died once, so why are you alive?



Why do you have powers that no ordinary man has?

WHAT?

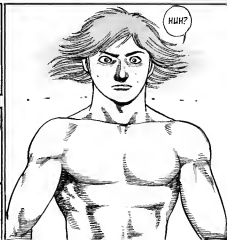
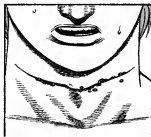
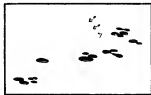


That soul
is a powerful
energy that
can even give
life to a
corpse.

It is
all because
Oniwakamaru's
soul resides in
your body.



However,
you are
no match
for me.





真形人
白若丸



You are
no match
for me!

Transform
into
Oniwakamaru!

CHAPTER 22 PRIEST ANKU



Anku.



I know
you wish
to fight
with me.

Come forth,
Oniwakamaru.

Oniwaka...



Is Oni-wakamaru the only way?

I guess I can't do it after all.

CHAPTER 22 PRIEST ANKU



I'll bite Anku's head off!

Hito, let me transform!

Ahh...
I'm going
to die.

I'm going to
die a worthless
man who could
not even save
his beloved...

My
body's
getting
lighter.

All of
my blood
is spilling
out.

My life is
leaving me.



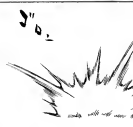
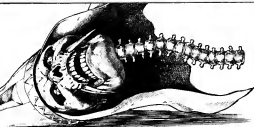
YOU
MUST NOT
TRANSFORM
INTO A
DEMON!

I'm sorry,
Yuki... Now
Oniwakamaru
will...

THAT'S JUST
WHAT ANKU
WANTS!

Why!?





PULL
TOGETHER/
YOUR ONLY
PATH IS
TO FIGHT!



AH!
BENKEI!





IF YOU BELIEVE THAT YOU ARE DEAD, THEN YOU WILL BE DEAD!

IT IS ALL AN ILLUSION!



HAAAH!
M... MY NECK RECONNECTED.



HUH?

HE CAN'T BECAUSE HE IS REALLY...

ANKU MAY BE ABLE TO CONTROL DEMONS, BUT HE CAN'T CONTROL HUMANS!!





"Always add to the thro of divination according to the linear doctrine and regard the ya and yang of the dream. *Sanj* ryakkobai (The summary to Judgements of Divinations)



WH...
WHAT?



Benkei.
Do you
betray
me?



I
WOULDN'T
BEFORE,
AND NOW...

I DON'T
REMEMBER
JOINING
YOUR
RANKS!



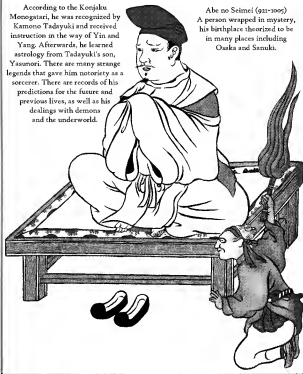


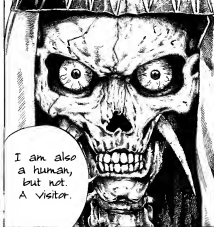
My name
is Abe no
Seimei.



According to the *Konjaku Monogatari*, he was recognized by *Kamono Tadayuki* and received instructions in the way of Yin and Yang. Afterwards, he learned astrology from Tadayuki's son, *Yasunori*. There are many strange legends that gave him notoriety as a sorcerer. There are records of his predictions for the future and previous lives, as well as his dealings with demons and the underworld.

Abe no Seimei (921-1005)
A person wrapped in mystery,
his birthplace theorized to be
in many places including
Osaka and Sanuki.

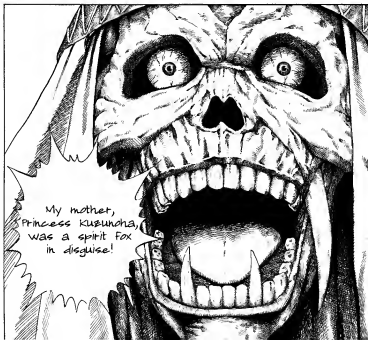




I am also
a human,
but not.
A visitor.



THAT'S
IMPOSSIBLE.
WHY IS A GREAT
SORCERER THAT
EVEN THE EMPEROR
APPROVED OF
A DEMON...?



My mother,
Princess Kuzunoha,
was a spirit fox
in disguise!



They will not
resurrect a
thousand years
later unless
they are
mummified!

Demons are
a mass of
hated and
tenacity...



GREEEE!



FAMI-
LIARS!





HITO! I WILL
HANDLE THESE
CREATURES!
YOU MUST
DEFEAT ANKU!



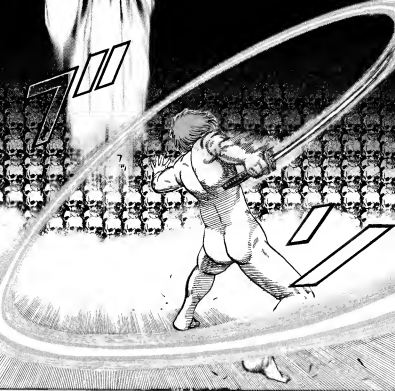
SEIMEI
DIED IN THE
SECOND YEAR
OF KANKO
(1,005 CE).
A THOUSAND
YEARS WILL
PASS IN TWO YEARS!

YOU ARE
THE ONLY
ONE WHO
CAN RESCUE
YOUR WIFE!



OKAY!

SLAY HIM,
HITO!



No one
can stop my
resurrection.



One is Chi-wakamaru's...

I need two souls for my resurrection.

The other is Kukai's soul, which sleeps behind an immense barrier in Koya.



I will get
the second soul
by turning Koya
into a mountain
of flesh and
blood.



Kukai's
wisdom and
Buddhist
power.

with
Oniwakamaru's
vitality...





I will
become
a truly
perfect
visitor.

I will rule
the darkness
of this world.

真形人
白若丸



My
name is
Abe no
Seimei.



I am also
a human,
but not.
A visitor.

My mother,
Princess
Kuzunoha,
was a
spirit fox in
disguise!



CHAPTER 23 ABE NO SEIMEI



CHAPTER 23 ABE NO SEININ



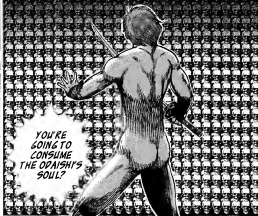
I will become a truly perfect and immortal visitor.



Hahhh.



I will obtain immense power if I consume both Oniwakamaru's and Kukai's souls.



YOU'RE GOING TO CONSUME THE ODAISHI'S SOUL?



ANKU!
WHERE...
WHERE'S
YUKI!?



Hohohoh...
She's wandering
the realm of
the dead.



HITO,
IT WILL BE
A THOUSAND
YEARS AFTER
SEIMEI'S
DEATH IN
TWO YEARS!

PREVENT
HIM FROM
RESURRECT-
ING!



I WILL NOT
ALLOW YOU TO
TAKE THE SOUL
OF THE OPAISHI
WHOM I OWE
SO MUCH!!

I WILL NOT
ALLOW YOU TO
TAKE THE SOUL OF
ONIWAKAMARU
WITH WHOM I
SHARE A BODY!!



KILL
HIM!

AND I WILL
TAKE BACK
MY YUKI.



OKAY!





**I WILL
SLAY ANKU,
EVEN IF
MY BODY IS
BROKEN INTO
PIECES!**



Then I
will grant
your wish
and break
you!







Pentagram
Sigil Ritual!

GWAH!



天天
天天



You
can do
nothing
to me.



I have
sealed
your power
with the
pentagram
sigil.



GWAAAAH!



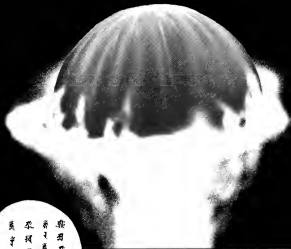
GWAAAAH!







非難因不奉真頓于
現非又負非奉守毋因
不奉頓于現非奉真
又負守毋因不奉真
非又負非難因不頓于



難得亦奉黃頭
者之真母亦守毋
不現才之真者亦
真守毋毋亦奉
之真毋亦毋



カキキ



Agh!



B... BENKEI!

IF I AM TO
BE REBORN AS
A HUMAN, THEN
A GOOD HUMAN
WOULD BE THE
BEST!

GOOD
BEGETS
GOOD!

HITO! STAB
STRAIGHT
THROUGH
ME!



Fool! A human
can turn into
a demon, but a
demon will never
become a human!



UGH...



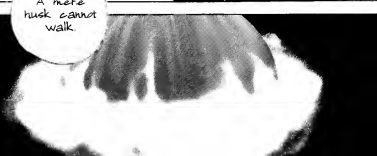
IF A MAN
CAN BECOME
A BUDDHA BY
BEING VIRTUOUS,
THEN I BELIEVE
EVEN A DEMON
COULD BECOME
A HUMAN.

I BELIEVE
IN HITO'S
WORDS!



Hmph.
Oniwakamaru's
soul has
been taken
from him.

A mere
husk cannot
walk.





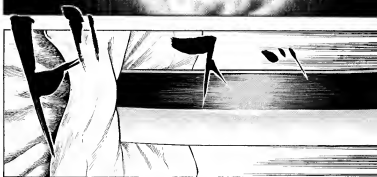
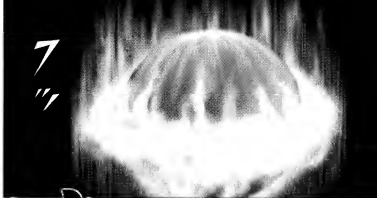
STAB
THROUGH
MY FLESH
AND BONES
INTO ANKU'S
HEART!

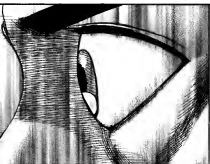
HITO! PULL
YOURSELF
TOGETHER!
DON'T YOU
WANT TO
SAVE YOUR
WIFE!/?



what!/?

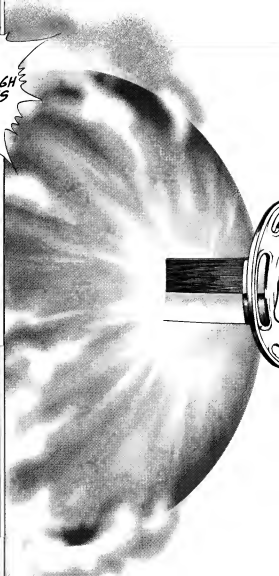
OKAY!
GIVE ME
BACK MY
YUKI!!







WHAT!? I'VE
STABBED THROUGH
ONIWAKAMARU'S
SOUL, TOO!





I'VE
STABBED
THROUGH
ONIWAKA-
MARU'S
SOUL!

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THOSE WHO ARE CALLED DEMONS



WE CANNOT
ALLOW
HIM TO HAVE
THAT SOUL!
WE CANNOT
ALLOW HIM TO
RESURRECT!



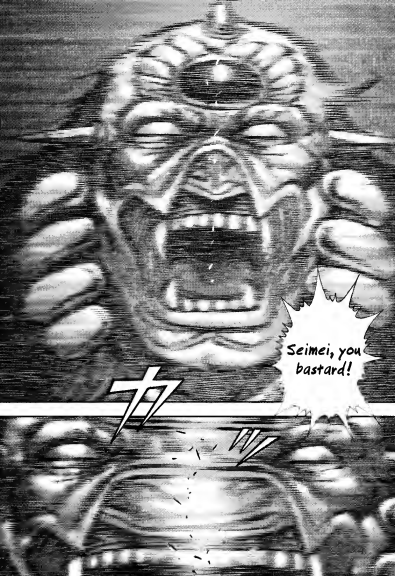
YEAH! I WON'T
LET HIM TAKE
ONIWAKAMARU'S
SOUL!

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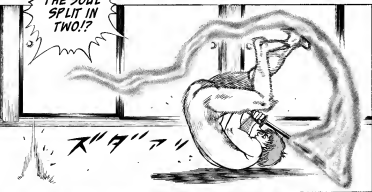


Seimei, you
bastard!





WHAT!?
THE SOUL
SPLIT IN
TWO!?



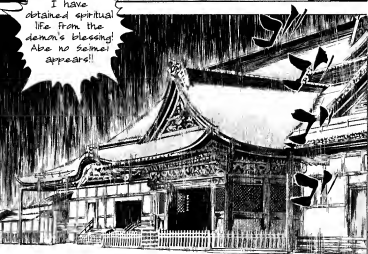




THIS...
IS ABE NO
SEIMEI?



I have
obtained spiritual
life from the
demon's blessing!
Abe no Seimei
appears!!





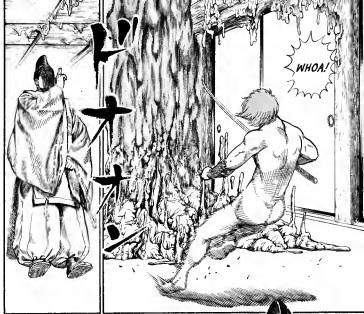


How-
ever...

I once
took the
side of man
and ruled the
spirit realm.



WHAT!?





YOU'VE
LOST HALF
YOUR POWER
NOW THAT
ONIWAKAMARU'S
SOUL HAS
BEEN SPLIT!

HITO!
DON'T
WORRY
ABOUT
ME! RUN!

Sound effects: ㄱ ㄴ ㄷ



ONIWAKAMARU
ISN'T THE ONLY
ONE IN MY BODY!

I AM ALIVE
BECAUSE OF
500 SOULS...
THEY ARE KEEPING
ME ALIVE!

500
SOULS?

BUT MY SPIRIT
IS ALIVE, AND
HUMAN BLOOD
RUNS THROUGH
MY VEINS!

A NORMAL
PERSON MIGHT
THINK THAT I'M
A MONSTER...

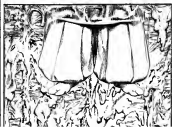


I CAN'T
JUST LEAVE
YOU TO DIE!



A corrupt
world is
perfect
for the
corrupted.

wretched,
vile humans.



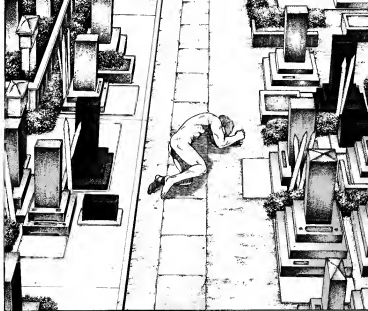


I will
burn the
human world
with crimson
flames!



Odaishi...

Hito. So long as your spirit remains pure, I will be by your side.



Y... YEAH.
MY WOUND
WAS GONE
WHEN I
CAME TO.

MR.
TAKENAKA!
YOU'RE
OKAY!?



It cannot
kill a living
human.

It was all a trick.
My bone katana
can only cut
through those
not of this
world.



DOES THAT
MEAN OUR
FIGHT IN THE
UNDERWORLD
WAS A DREAM?

A...
TRICK...





MY SOUL
WAS IN THIS
SPIRIT BLADE,
THE DEMON
SLAYER.



I AM
ALIVE AS
WELL.




BENKEI...?



ALLOW ME
INSIDE OF
YOUR BODY,
TOO. LET ME
BE THE 501ST
HUMAN INSIDE
OF YOU.



BENKEI.



YOUR POWER HAS
WEAKENED SINCE
ONIWAKAMARU'S
SOUL WAS SPLIT.



I DON'T KNOW
HOW MUCH OF
THE DIFFERENCE
IT WILL MAKE UP,
BUT I WANT TO
BE OF USE TO
YOU.



SEIMEI WILL
APPEAR BEFORE
YOU ONCE MORE
TO OBTAIN THE
REST OF THE
SOUL.

I WILL BE LIKE
ONIWAKAMARU.
I WILL LIVE WITH
YOU, AND FIGHT
WITH YOU.





I WILL
ONCE MORE
LIVE WITH A
MISSION.

「ビジネスジャンプ」H15年15号-23号まで
好評連載されたものを収録しました。

●ヤングジャンプ・コミックス●
BJ

異形人おに若丸

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